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Jobless youth studied in report

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The School of Human Ecology has published a report recommending strategies to reduce the nation's high rate of Black youth unemployment, resulting from a bipartisan, interracial national conference held at Howard in March 1983 on the problem.

The report, entitled "Proceedings of the National Conference on Black Youth Unemployment," is based on approaches proposed by manpower and employment experts, youth counselors, educators and others who convened at the conference to find solutions for decreasing the disproportionately high jobless rate among young Blacks.

Among the more than 50 recommendations proposed at the conference were creation of jobs and training programs, development of a national stay-in-school program, implementation of the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Act, creation of a national job banks for Black youths and development of government subsidies for small business to encourage job creation.

"With the publication of these proceedings, it is now a challenge to public policy creators and implementors across the nation to search for ways to bring the conference recommendations into reality," said Cecile H. Edwards, dean of the School of Human Ecology, which coordinated the conference.

"The problem of Black youth unemployment is still as acute today as it was in 1983," she added, noting that "technical difficulties" delayed publication of the proceedings for public distribution. However, limited number of the proceedings were published shortly after the 1983 conference, she added.

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Student, 23, killed in cycle accident

By Freda Satterwhite

Hilltop Staff Reporter

Eric Green, 23, a Howard pre-med student and a resident of Lanham, Md., died April 7 of injuries he received while test-driving a motorcycle.

According to police, Green lost control of the motorcycle at about 11:00 a.m. on a curve in the 4800 block of Powell Road. Green, who was wearing a helmet, grazed a small pine tree and then ran into a larger tree.

He was pronounced dead an hour after being taken to Fairfax Hospital.

A senior majoring in microbiology, Green was cleared for graduation for May 1985. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

According to *The Washington Post*, Green, who was licensed to drive motorcycles, had owned one previously, but was encouraged by his mother to sell it. She said she had no idea he had planned to buy another bike.

Upon being graduated from Duval High School, Green was appointed to West Point Military Academy by ex-Representative Gladys Spellman



The Howard University Choir records with the Handel Festival Orchestra in honor of Handel's 300th birthday. The production, conducted Wednesday and Thursday, marks the only known recording of a college choir on a professional label (Arabesque).

Afro-American Studies to move to Sherman Ave.

By John C. Brazington

Hilltop Staff Reporter

University officials plan to relocate the offices of the Department of Afro-American Studies and Afro-American Studies Research Center to 2345 Sherman Ave., the former location of the School of Business and Public Administration.

According to James Hall, executive assistant to the Vice-President for Academic Affairs, an exact date of the move has not been determined. "This is going to take place; however, I cannot answer when the date will be. Too many things have to be done to the building such as renovation," Hall said.

The original idea of the relocation was proposed by Michael Winston, vice president for academic affairs, Hall said. He confirmed that plans are underway to relocate the research center and the department.

Professors in the department have

voiced the opinion that they were surprised to hear about the planned relocation, and have questioned parking and safety problems that they claim surround the location.

Alan Colon, a professor in the department, said, "The area has safety problems. People have been held up in broad daylight over there." Gloria Grant agreed, and echoed similar opinions concerning both safety and parking problems at the location.

The relocation also raises several questions concerning the possible decline in terms of interaction between students and professors once the departments are relocated.

Grant said, "If a student does not have time between classes to go over there—it will be difficult." Adams voiced the same opinion, "We (professors) will not see them (students) as much."

Hall disagreed with the two professors in terms of the possible decline of interaction as a result of the move. "No, I don't think freshmen will stop going to see the professors," Hall said the reasons behind the

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relocation is to make Founders Library a single-purpose dwelling. According to Hall, the idea was proposed by University President James Cheek.

According to Hall, the old School of Business building must have air conditioners installed, offices must

be set up and physical facilities must renovate the building. Hall did not have an estimate on the costs of renovation.

Department chairman Russell Adams said he sees the move as "management business." However, he said that several professors who learned of the planned move from Adams during a conference felt that this was the University's first step in an effort to get rid of the department altogether.

"We do hear rumors that Afro-American Studies is going, and that various people will be dismissed," said Grant. Colon said in reference to the planned move that "it [the move] sent signals out to question the marginality of the department here at Howard. Will it be dismissed or restructured because it is less than fully instituted into the schools?"

Suspensions have also been raised concerning the implications and impact of a permanent \$20,000 budget reduction. This budget reduction, in effect through June 30, is affecting such items as the "office and resource center supplies, books, periodicals, dues and subscriptions, equipment rentals, maintenance and repairs, postage, honoraria, travel, printing and reproduction," the report states. The reduction was disclosed in a Dec. 18 report.

Adams said the budget reduction of \$20,000 is not only affecting the Afro-American Studies Resource

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Group to examine mandatory initiative

By Alison Bethel

Hilltop Staff Reporter

After months of soliciting signatures from students and presenting several programs on Afro-American Studies, the Howard University Student Association's (HUSA) Afro-American Studies Implementation Committee has been replaced by a more diverse and influential committee.

The Afro-American Studies Implementation Task Force (instituted by President James Cheek) has been formed to search for a "final answer to the feasibility of the implementation of Afro-American Studies" at the University, said HUSA Vice President Manotti Jenkins.

The 27-member committee, formed after several confrontations between HUSA officials and University administrators, is composed of two students and two faculty members from the School of Liberal Arts and the School of Business; one student from the nine remaining undergraduate schools; HUSA president and vice-president; and Vice-President of Student Affairs Carl Anderson, who serves as an administrative representative to the

committee.

According to HUSA President Christopher Cathcart, the Task Force will submit the outcome of their findings in proposal form by April 26 to Cheek.

The committee was formed after Cathcart and Jenkins presented Cheek and his administration with a petition of 2,500 student signatures on the University's Charter Day in March, said Cathcart.

In a letter sent to Cathcart regarding the establishment of the task force, Cheek wrote that "the task force is to solicit input from faculty, students and others regarding this matter [the feasibility of Afro-American Studies] and is to explore various means of achieving the following objectives:

"To provide an analytical and comprehensive overview which will introduce the students to and cultivate an appreciation for the history, culture and role of Afro-Americans in our society; and

"To explore prescriptive proposals designed to acquaint the students with methods and procedures for resolving

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'Mark of Excellence' Hilltop reclaims regional award

By Marian Dozier

The Hilltop clinched second place in a contest of 16 college newspapers in its region, and was once again nudged out of top honors by the University of Maryland's *Diamondback*. The award marks the third time in four years The Hilltop has placed second in the Mark of Excellence Awards contest sponsored by the Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi (SPJ, SDX).

The nationally-sponsored contest, now in its 13th year, is administered regionally and awards are given in 13 specific categories of broadcast and print journalism. Eleven individual and two best overall awards for a newspaper and a magazine are given. Region Two, comprised of the District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Delaware, had competition from 16 schools with 225 entries.

Judging is done by an established newspaper group and generally changes with each contest, as does the criteria.

"This year we looked at a number of things and applied the standards of working journalism to each," said Neil Roland of the Times-Journal Co., which did this year's judging.

Those things included depth of coverage, quality of news writing, layout, appropriateness and effectiveness of headlines and variety of stories.

"Both papers [The Hilltop and The Diamondback] were consistently

good, but the Diamondback's coverage of local news was better," said Roland.

The *Diamondback*, a daily newspaper that informs a university community numbering more than 35,000, has won four of the last six best all-around regional awards, but there are reasons.

"University of Maryland has greater resources, better facilities and more people that help to make the better product," said Henry Hall, editor of The Hilltop.

"When you are preparing a paper everyday, you have more papers to choose from and enter. Whereas being a weekly, you're a little more restricted," he added.

Carl Anderson, vice president for Student Affairs, said, "What's more important than winning is continuity. This [award] says that the high standards the editors have set for the paper are being met."

Though it has done well in the last four years in the best all-around competition (it has placed second three times), The Hilltop has won no individual writing awards since 1981 when Joseph Perkins placed first for his editorial writing and Isabel Wilkerson for her feature writing, said Anderson, a member of the Hilltop Policy Board. "I'm very proud of their achievements... we need now to examine critically those areas we need to improve to dethrone The Diamondback."

Board to review editor's qualifications

By Desiree F. Hicks

Hilltop Staff Reporter

While the Hilltop Policy Board has selected the newspaper's 1985-86 editor-in-chief, the appointment is pending until the board receives verification of successful completion of a libel law course or seminar on the part of next year's editor, according to board members.

Carol D. Winn, a junior broadcast journalism major, was appointed as editor of The Hilltop during a March 18 board meeting, defeating film directing major Garry G. Denny.

Following Winn's appointment, the Office of Student Activities submitted a letter to Lionel Barrow Jr., dean of the School of Communications, which asked him to confirm Winn's completion of a course that dealt with the legal and ethical aspects of journalism, according to Raymond Archer.

Archer, who is secretary of the policy board and director of student activities, said the request, which was mailed late last week, is standard procedure. He said that each year such confirmation is requested to assure

that the chosen editor is in compliance with guidelines set up by the board.

Those guidelines call for the editor to "provide evidence of having successfully completed a course, seminar, or workshop in the ethical and legal aspects of journalism prior to selection..." according to bylaws approved by the University's board of trustees in 1983.

Since her appointment, there has been some speculation among board members and others as to whether or not Winn has fulfilled that requirement.

A board member who asked not to be identified said earlier this week that there was some doubt as to whether Barrow would submit the letter of confirmation.

While Winn acknowledged during her interview with the policy board and later in a Hilltop interview that she has not taken a course that deals solely with libel or newspaper ethics, she said she has taken courses that fulfill the board's requirements.

She said that several of her journal-

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Tae Kwon Do Howard hosts finals

By Donna Newman

Special to the Hilltop

Howard's best kept athletic secret, the Tae Kwon Do Club, will be hosting the D.C. Open Invitational Tae Kwon Do Championship Saturday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m. in Burr Gymnasium.

The competition will be divided into belt rank and weight with males and females competing separately. Sixty schools have been invited. Also, some of the students in Professor Yang's classes will be competing this Saturday along with club members.

The top three competitors will fight in the D.C. Regional Championship and will also be eligible to compete in the 11th United States Tae Kwon Do Championship this June in Hartford, Connecticut.

Sumory Alpha and Samuel Hetherington head the organizing committee for Saturday's competition. Both are assistants to Dong Ja Yang, who is president of Howard's Tae Kwon Do

Club and also teaches classes in Tae Kwon Do at Howard. He was the past United States Tae Kwon Do Union president and currently heads the Pan American organization.

Anthony Ferguson, one of the faculty members in Howard's Tae Kwon Do Club, said his club is the top in the country and the one to beat Saturday.

Six of Howard's club members were gold medalists at the national championship in 1984 and for the past seven years, Howard's men and women have won the collegiate championship.

Howard's club is open to students, staff, and faculty. Both young and old competitors will be fighting. Howard's club has been undergoing intense training in preparation for the tournament. A few of Howard's fighters are ranked among the top in the world. Among the projected gold medalists are: Alan Kouyate, Patrice Remark, Chris Galloway, Sharon Jewel, Allison Henderson and Laura Bonner.



CAREERS '85

Wanted: Black teachers

By Nicole S. Crawford

Hilltop Staff Reporter

Teaching, as a profession, has had a decline in popularity among students, especially minority students, in recent years. Once viewed as one of the few professions that Blacks could enter, students have turned away from teaching as jobs that "were more rewarding" and "offered more pay" opened to Blacks.

Jeanne Nelson, program director for this year's "Third Annual Educational Recruitment Day Program," to be held April 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Howard and the University of the District of Columbia simultaneously at their respective locations, is working to dispel the myth that teaching is a dead-end job.

"The bottom line is that we need quality people in education," said Nelson, who also works in the Office of Career Planning and Placement at Howard. "There is no way that kids in the future will be able to function without quality teachers."

According to Nelson, the teacher shortage is so acute that over 2,000

jobs are expected to be available at this year's recruitment day program and the approximately 50 school systems participating are trying to fill the gamut of jobs in education.

"If a person wants to work and they like working with young minds, there are jobs out there—occupational therapists, speech therapists," she said, adding that along with education majors, a few of the school systems are interested in liberal arts students majoring in math, science, English, and foreign languages.

Nelson said that she believes that one reason teaching has a bad name is that in some instances, teachers do not receive equitable pay. For example, the District, a few years ago, laid-off teachers who had up to 10 years experience and then rehired them as temporaries, resulting in a \$3000-to-\$4000 cut in salaries, said Nelson. However, she added, "Keep in mind this has also happened in business too."

The average starting salary for teachers is about the same as the average starting salary for persons in other professions with comparable degrees:

\$16,000 for B.S. degrees and \$14,500 to \$17,500 for teachers, said Nelson.

Because of the shortage, teachers will probably start receiving upgraded salaries. Even so, Nelson said that of more importance is the fact that the shortage has and will continue to hurt Black kids.

"In the long run, poor math skills and communications skills and the inability to communicate with other kids who speak a foreign language will be a real deficit," she said.

"I have some problems with people who feel that they are buying time until they can do something else... teaching is something like medicine: you have to be dedicated," continued Nelson.

Sharon Smith, a senior elementary education major at Howard from South Carolina, said, "The reason I entered teaching is because I always thought of teaching as being a great challenge because teaching is basically the foundation for each child."

Smith, who will be participating in the recruitment program, added, "I feel that you need competent teachers and I'm a competent teacher because

of the training that I've received at Howard."

Nelson said that the number of school systems that recruit Howard students says a lot about the University. "They feel that students coming out of the University will be of the caliber that they are looking for."

Sherri Dumas, also a senior elementary education major from Cincinnati, Ohio, has always wanted to be a teacher. The fact that fewer students are choosing her profession has had no impact on her. "Even when I came in as a freshman, everyone in education said that there would be a great demand and here it is in front of our faces."

To sum up her feelings on teaching, Nelson quoted an old saying: "When the pupil is ready, the teacher will appear."

"The pupil is ready," Nelson said. "We're just waiting for the teachers now."

Today at 5:00 p.m. is the cut-off date for registration for the Educational Recruitment Program Day. For more information, call Jeanne Nelson at 636-7513.

Recruiters' Corner

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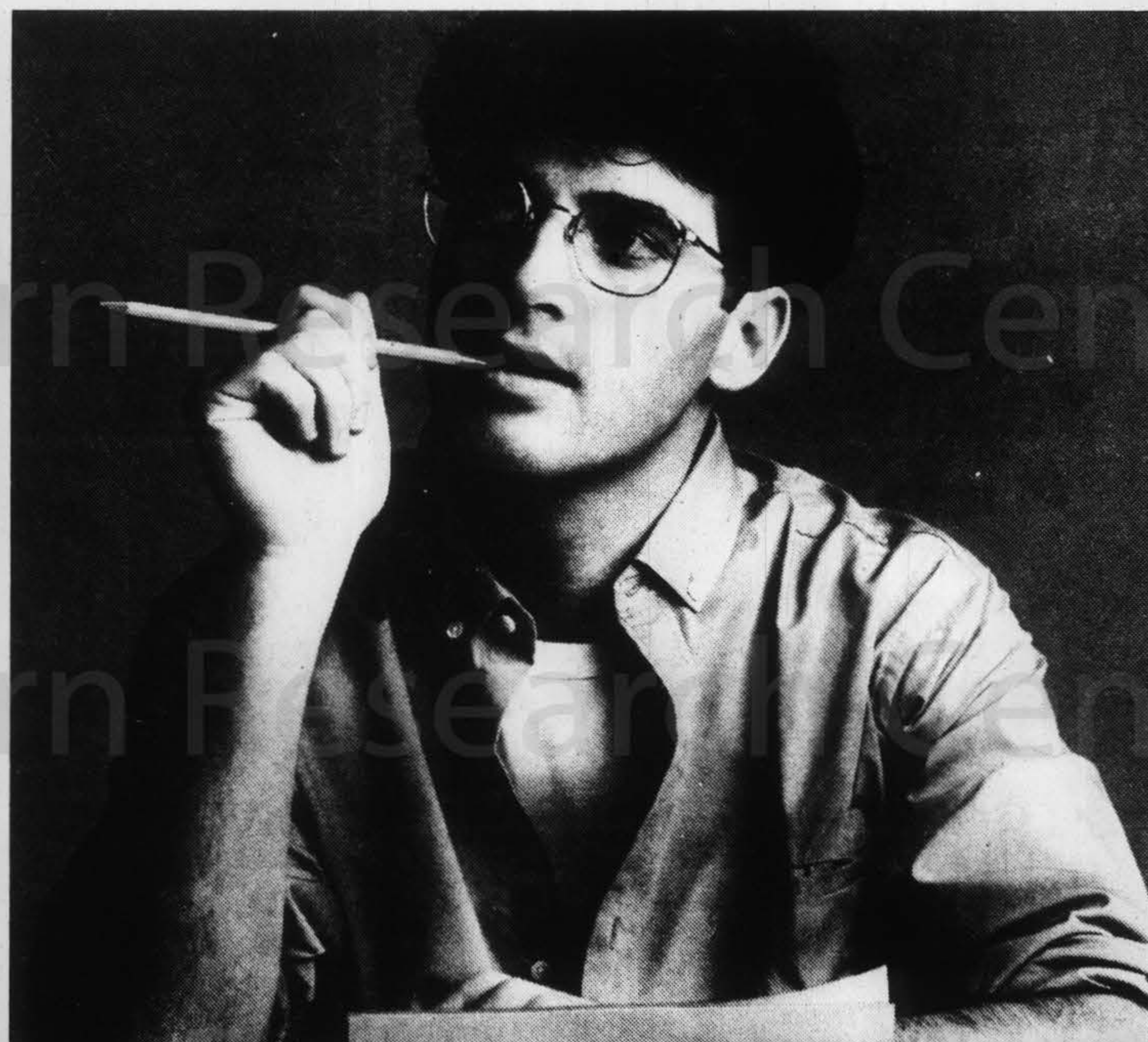
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Elsewhere

Capital Cities and ABC

Leland urges minorities to capitalize on merger

Hilltop Staff Report
Congressman Mickey Leland (D., Tex.) said minorities should consider purchasing the media holdings being divested by Capital Cities Communications Inc., as a result of its agreement to buy American Broadcasting Co. Inc. (ABC).

Leland, who is chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and a member of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Consumer Protection and Finance, said the Capital Cities/ABC merger "presents a unique opportunity for minorities to purchase major market television and radio properties."

He noted that Federal Communications Commission (FCC) cross-ownership regulations may also require Capital Cities to sell its 54 cable systems in 16 states.

ABC owns five VHF TV stations in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit and San Francisco. Capital

Cities owns seven TV stations in Philadelphia; Houston; New Haven, Conn.; Buffalo, N.Y.; Fresno,

"This is a magnificent chance for minority investors to buy one or more of the TV stations that will be for sale."

Calif.; Durham, N.C.; and Tampa, Fla.

Capital Cities announced Wednesday that its Buffalo and New-Haven

stations are up for sale. It is expected that other properties will also be put on the market. Because of FCC regulations prohibiting a company from owning two TV stations whose signal areas overlap, Capital Cities likely will also sell its Philadelphia station if it is to retain the ABC New York station.

"This is a magnificent chance for minority investors to buy one or more of the TV stations that will be for sale," said Leland. "Sales of this magnitude are usually completed before the public is even aware that a sale opportunity exists. A VHF network affiliate will not likely be available in a major market for some time."

Leland pointed out that it is in Capital Cities' interest to consider selling to minorities.

"First, Capital Cities could generate incredibly positive public relations by such a sale," he said. "More

importantly, by selling to minorities. Capital Cities could receive an FCC tax certificate affording the firm favorable tax treatment."

FCC rules also may require Capital Cities/ABC to sell some of its combination radio holdings. Present regulations prohibit ownership of an AM, FM or TV combination in a single market. Under a "grandfather" provision, ABC was allowed to keep such combinations when the FCC rules took effect. But as a new owner, Capital Cities/ABC Inc. would have to divest itself of the offending properties.

The radio stations that may be available include those in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco and Houston.

"Minorities should also bid for these very valuable properties," Leland said, adding that Capital Cities would also get tax certificates for sales of any of these radio stations to minorities.

Capital Cities owns cable systems serving 550,000 subscribers. Because of existing FCC bans against TV networks owning cable systems, Capital Cities will likely sell the cable systems, according to Leland. He said cable system sales to minorities would also bring tax certificates.

Job plan works to train elderly

By Francesca Hare
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Senior citizens of Washington can receive free job training at the D.C. Office on Aging Older Workers Employment and Training Center.

This training program is offered to U.S. citizens who are D.C. residents and participants must be age 55 or over and fall into the low-income bracket.

There are various types of training programs offered. Clerk/typist, senior service aide, retail sales clerk, homemaker/health aide, landscaping/floral design, and bank teller courses are available. Persons involved in an on-the-job training program, such as building maintenance, will receive minimum wage while being trained.

Funded under the Jobs Training Partnership Act and administered by the U.S. Department of Labor, this is the second year this program has been offered. Participants will seek employment after the training period has ended May 30.

Cornelia G. Wade, job counse-

lor for the program, who is responsible for recruiting participants, said, "Sometimes it's hard to get the senior citizens into the program. People get used to a certain stage in life or sometimes they just don't want to be bothered, so I get their confidence."

Janelle Thompson, program coordinator, said she feels that the older worker is the most reliable. "Society should feel good about the mature worker. They are the dependable workers," she said. "They appreciate the job more, so they are going to be there."

Not all of the eighty-one slots that have been allotted for the senior citizens have been filled and people can join while the program is in session.

A stipend for a \$35 per week is provided for materials needed during the training session. This stipend may also be used as transportation money to and from the center.

Interested persons should call 724-5662.

Congressional minutes

Hilltop Staff Report

Charging that penalties for fraudulent schemes to get federal contracts and subcontracts under programs designed to aid minority business development are inadequate, Congressman Parren Mitchell (D., Md.) has introduced a bill to broaden the coverage of existing law and to stiffen criminal fines for such offenses.

Generally, the minority person's share of ownership must be at least 51 percent in order for a business to qualify for federally-funded contracts and

subcontracts as a minority firm.

Mitchell noted that violations involving misrepresentation of white-owned firms as minority-owned (commonly known as "fronts"), controlled and operated are frequently cited by opponents of affirmative action as cause to rescind laws to aid investment of non-white firms in publicly-funded projects.

Mitchell said the problem of fronts has been "blown out of proportion" by critics of affirmative action, but his bill increasing fines for violation from \$10,000 to \$50,000, while

maintaining a prison term of five years, "would deter offenses of this kind that bring disrepute and scandal to otherwise legitimate remedies to past and ongoing discrimination in federal contracting and subcontracting programs."

In addition to increasing fines, Mitchell's bill would also extend the coverage of existing law to federal subcontracts and other contracts let by state and local governments with grant funds made available under the

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Newsbriefs

CAIRO, Egypt—April 7

A military coup ended the 16-year rule of President Jaafar Nimeri of Sudan, after a takeover of the country by Sudan's civilian elite. Nimeri, a longtime ally of the United States, had just completed a lengthy visit to Washington at the time of the coup.

According to Sudanese news services, the takeover is for an interim period. Defense Minister General Abdel Rahman Sawar-Dhabab relieved Nimeri of his duties and urged the Sudanese people "to be alert and vigilant to foil attempts to exploit the situation."

TEHRAN, Iran—April 8

Iraq staged attacks on Tehran and three other cities today, killing at least 30 people and wounding 70. Each side, reportedly, said that the attacks were in retaliation of attacks by the other.

The 54-month-old conflict shows no sign of ending. United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced that he will go to Tehran in a bid to end the conflict.

BEIRUT, Lebanon—April 8

It was the ninth day of fighting between Christian militiamen and Moslem and Palestinian fighters in a port 25 miles south of Beirut.

Hospital sources said four persons were injured; raising the death toll to

48 and the casualty toll to 198 this week. Lebanese President Amin Gemayel urged Moslem, Christian and Palestinian leaders to meet in an effort to halt the fighting.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—April 8

D.C. Delegate Walter Fauntroy will visit Haiti to look into how the United States, the World Bank, and the Inter-American Development Bank can help finance development projects in Haiti.

Fauntroy, who has visited the island before to examine human rights and freedom, is a member of the Congressional Black Caucus' special group for Haitian refugees.

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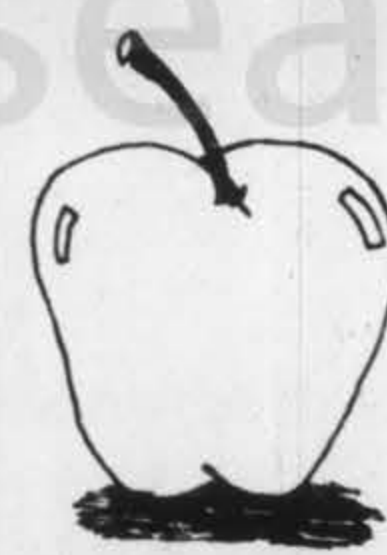


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Report

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The 112-page report points out several themes that permeated conference discussions:

- * The Black community must play a major role in implementing solutions to the problem;

- * An initiative must be launched to help Black youngsters stay in school, ensuring their preparation for jobs;

- * Government support must be a part of "any real attempt to solve the problem;" and

- * Black professionals and adults have a responsibility to serve as mentors to Black youths.

"A coalition of conscience must now move individuals and organizations within and outside of governmental agencies to work together in decreasing the disproportionately high level of Black unemployment," the report stated.

Edwards said the published proceedings are being sent to selected House and Senate legislators, mayors, community organizations, Black fraternities and sororities, Black unemployment, the report stated.

Edwards said the published proceedings are being sent to selected House and Senate legislators, mayors, community organizations, Black fraternities and sororities, Black religious organizations, as well as philanthropic foundations.

Copies of the report may be obtained by writing "Proceedings—National Conference on Black Youth Unemployment," School of Human Ecology, Howard University, Washington, D.C. 20059, or by calling (202) 636-7104.

Minutes

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Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982.

Under present law, a misrepresentation must be made directly to the Federal Government in order to involve a criminal sanction. In the subcontracting area "fronts" deal directly with prime contractors so, technically, there is no misrepresentation to the United States.

Mitchell's bill would make all such misrepresentations illegal, regardless of whether they are made directly to the Federal Government or some other party.

"Those who abuse these programs—both the minority and majority perpetrators of such schemes—deserve punishments to suit their felonious crimes," Mitchell said.

"I am asking the U.S. Congress to change the existing law [a provision of the Small Business Act] to realistically reflect the criminality of this offense against the United States Government, U.S. taxpayers and eligible, legitimate disadvantaged businesses that lose out in competition with the fronts," he added.

Mitchell said critics of affirmative action and set-aside programs exaggerate in their characterization of how widespread the practice of fronting actually is.

"Rather than correcting such abuses, these opponents would have the Congress renege on its promise of equal access to economic opportunity as mandated by the Constitution and provided for in the Small Business Act," Mitchell said.

The scheme of fronting gained heightened publicity recently with the New York City case involving U.S. Department of Labor Secretary Raymond J. Donovan.

Note-worthy

Choir to sing on 16th anniversary

By Freda Satterwhite
Hilltop Staff Reporter

The Howard University Gospel Choir will celebrate its many musical accomplishments at its 16th anniversary on April 21 at Cramton Auditorium. The choir recently returned from the National Black Caucus Collegiate Choir Competition in New York where it placed second.

Founded by Rosalyn Thompkins Lynch and Melaine Russell Lee in the fall of 1968, the interdenominational choir currently has over 50 members. Membership is open to University students and community members.

Having travelled extensively throughout the United States and abroad performing in churches, colleges, the universities, hospitals, and prisons, the group has also performed with several well-known artists.

In the spring of 1983, the group performed at the Martin Luther King birthday celebration with Patti LaBelle, Tramaine Hawkins, and Joan Baez at the Kennedy Center. They were subsequently asked by Stevie Wonder to appear with him at the Capitol Centre.

In the fall of 1984 the choir appeared with Patti LaBelle in the seven-night engagement at the Warner Theatre.

"Our main priority is to uplift the name of Jesus Christ through song,"

said Bill Brawner, business manager and a charter member of the choir. "Our members are motivated and very dedicated."

Under the direction of Arphelius P. Gatling III, who is graduate of the University of Fine Arts, the choir recorded its fifth album, "God Can Make A Way," in the fall of 1984. The scope of the choir's music has

broadened to include spirituals and anthems, as well as gospel music.

The choir also serves as a learning institution, giving its members the opportunity to gain experience through working in the recording studio and working with professional artists. Members also learn the business aspect of the arts.

"I am interested in getting the

choir into video and national television, like Johnny Carson or Merv Griffin," Brawner said.

The choir will be performing on campus April 12 at Andrew Rankin Chapel. The group also been invited by Twinky Clark of the Clark Sisters gospel group to perform in Detroit, Michigan in May.



Having recently returned from competition in New York, the Howard University Gospel Choir will celebrate its 16th anniversary with a performance at Cramton Auditorium on April 21.

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Afro

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Center, but is affecting the department as well. "It means that we cannot support reading room acquisitions, and will have an effect on teaching and acquiring more books for next semester. The Resource Center serves the entire university community and not just the Afro-American Studies Department."

Grant said this budget reduction, along with the relocation, affects morale. "You just want to do your job. We cannot Xerox, telephone calls are restricted, it has an impact on how efficiently you teach your classes."

Task Force

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societal problems which have a disproportionate impact on Afro-Americans."

According to Cheek, periodically, groups and individuals at the University "have proposed that all undergraduate students be required to complete, as a condition for graduation, a course or courses designed to expose them to a greater understanding and appreciation of the culture, history and role of Afro-Americans" in the society.

Although the proposed committee decision date has been scheduled for April 26, Cathcart said he feels that committee meetings will linger on due to "a lot of problematic things that were involved in setting up the committee."

Jenkins said, "More than likely, it [the committee] will go on into next year."

Baseball

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Proctor said the slow start was due to "a lot of mental and physical errors at the wrong times," as well as playing teams that had played more games than the Bison.

Hinton added the team's goal this year—as well as every year—is to "win the MEAC championship and get into the NCAA tournament. We have to continue to play well because you cannot get into the NCAA tournament with a mediocre .500 record."

On a lighter side, congratulations to Jerry Davis, who is the first Howard baseball player to make it to the big leagues. He was the starting left fielder for the San Diego Padres on opening day.

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ism classes as well as a business law course that she has completed have all dealt with the issues in question.

When Barrow was asked if Winn had completed the necessary course requirements, he said, "She has and that's all I'm going to say."

Although Archer said that as of yesterday his office had not received a letter from Barrow indicating Winn's compliance, Barrow said that he is working on the letter and will send it to the office of student activities.

Meanwhile, John Harris, the policy board chairman, said that the board will address the issue at its Monday night meeting.

Harris said the board will seek to find out if "the courses already taken [by Winn] give her sufficient knowledge of the information that she needs to know." He added that a key issue is whether the board overlooked a "major fact" when it made its selection.

Archer said such questions would not arise if the board made a practice of requesting evidence of completion of all criteria before the interviewing and selection process took place.

Winn said that because the criterion in question is so vague, she doesn't feel that there is a case to be discussed. "I told them I hadn't taken the communication law course... they knew that before they elected me," she said.

Winn also said that she feels that she should have been informed by the board that there was still some question surrounding her qualifications. "I think it would have been a good idea for them to have mentioned it to me instead of having heard it through the grapevine."

Correction

Patricia Roberts

Harris' age was

incorrectly stated

last week.

She was 60.

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Editorials

Blind conservatism

Last week's article, "Former Editor Defends the Right," in which Joseph Perkins, former managing editor of *The Hilltop*, advocated Black conservatism, was quite shocking to say the least.

It seems as if Perkins was not and is not in tune with reality. Making comments such as Black leaders react in "traditionally knee-jerk liberal fashion to issues across the board" and suggesting that "total anarchy" would result if everything that Black leaders supported was put into law, is total nonsense.

Perkins' claim that the Black liberal power base will erode as a result of Black liberals' lack of fresh ideas for resolving poverty, unemployment and crime and other long-standing problems is false.

Manning Marable, in his *Hilltop* editorial, "Beyond Liberalism" (Friday 4/5/85), said that "Liberalism still retains many fine qualities—a desire to implement public programs which reduce poverty and unemployment, expand public health facilities, reduce taxes on low-to-middle income households, and a desire to reduce the bloated Pentagon budget."

Judging from last week's article on Perkins, it seems that he feels that millions of Black liberals are misguided and that their only redemption would be to make a 180-degree turn to the right.

Perkins is not alone in his opinions. *The Wall Street Journal* reported (4/8/85) that President Reagan's tactic of trying to convince Blacks that the administration's "self-help policies" are beneficial and showing his distaste for traditional affirmative action remedies is an old ploy. The ploy is unsuccessful, however, because Reagan and his

conservative party are still, for the most part, unpopular with civil rights groups and many Blacks.

Opera singer Leontyne Price sings in her television pitch for the United Negro College Fund, "We're not asking for a handout, just a hand." Maybe Reagan and Perkins haven't heard this yet!

It is obvious that Perkins practices what he preaches since he has "helped himself" to the position of editorial writer for *The Wall Street Journal*, and nothing is wrong with this. However, making statements like: "I cannot think of one occasion in my life when I was denied something by virtue of my being Black. It's quite anachronistic for young Blacks to consume themselves with politics of race," is a preposterous presumption.

Maybe he should think a little harder about what continues to be race discrimination, or talk to those who have been discriminated against because of the color of their skin. Maybe he hasn't, but others have and do experience this. Even economist Andrew Brimmer acknowledged that discrimination is a barrier to Black economic development.

The Perkins' article also quoted former Reagan senior policy advisor Bill Keys as saying, "Blacks can't afford not to be conservative." We have afforded not being conservative for some time now.

Ostensibly, Perkins and other Black conservatives, who believe that liberal policies, programs and affirmative action efforts do not work and who adhere to traditional conservative thinking, perpetuate the gap between liberal and conservative Blacks.

Mr. Perkins, why widen that gap?

Letters to the Editor

Perkins misguided

As a former espouser of the virtues of conservatism and the "right," I cannot help but make a few comments about the views of Mr. Joseph Perkins, a former managing editor of *The Hilltop*, a current member of the staff of *The Wall Street Journal*, and a supporter of conservatism.

As a Black conservative, Perkins is forced to maintain the position that the efforts of traditional Black leadership are misguided. He is forced to accept the colonial-based views of conservatism merely because the philosophy of liberalism seems unpopular and to mouth the new code words (reverse discrimination and individual rights) for white supremacy.

A Black man cannot do these things without being desperately rational and ridiculously objective. For a Black person to espouse such views, he must reason himself into the land of folly. In his silly quest to be "objective" about the plight of Black people, the Black conservative is swallowed, hook, line, and sinker, by the exquisite design of the conservative's argument. As such, he has not sought to discover the real reasons, which are chiefly historical, for the beliefs of conservatives.

Most of the arguments and attitudes of today's conservative are inextricably essential to justifying the immoral actions of white America perpetrated upon Blacks from slavery to this very day. Their position is not absolute and though logical at times it is hardly sound. Their arguments give undeniable support to the status quo and that definitely is not sound. It is obvious that Black conservatives have not reasonably considered the sordid genealogy of the conservative's argument, but they are content to unwittingly absorb them from the outer social environment and to parrot them nonetheless.

To accept the position of the Black conservative is to ignore the dynamics of Afro-American history, and to unnecessarily and degradingly apologize for the actions of white America by blaming the victim (as whites are prone to do).

"Black" conservatism is terribly ahistorical, it presupposes an unjustifiable, unfailing and irrational belief in the good will of America in general. Black conservatives must ungrudgingly accept that in 20 years, since the civil rights movement, the effects of centuries of multi-institutional American injustices have been neutralized. The Black

conservative must believe this despite the facts compiled by the Census Bureau and the National Urban League, despite the sociological and political explorations done by Alphonso Pinckney in his latest book, "The Myth of Black Progress" and by Gerald Gill in "Meanness Mania: The Changed Mood." Perkins and other Black conservatives are classic examples of people who espouse conservatism without knowledge and, as such, are dangerous. They are not stupid or traitorous; however, they have committed the fatal error of not seeking knowledge apropos to the subject that they are thinking about.

Black conservatives cannot help but see themselves as divorced from the plight of their people; their position requires it. Members of this "new" elite have yet to realize that their situation is an outgrowth of the Black condition. Their presence in the realm of the elite does not indicate that they have overcome the conditions which mark their people. Black conservatives reflect a sad predicament of the Black community. Many Black scholars, including E. Franklin Frazier and Carter G. Woodson, have pointed out the dangers of the Black elite. Writing in the 1930s, Woodson, a pioneer in Afro-American history, stated:

"It may be of no great importance to the race to be able to boast today of many times as many 'educated' members as it had in 1865. If they are of the wrong kind, the increase in numbers will be a disadvantage rather than an advantage. The only question which concerns us here is whether these 'educated' persons are actually equipped to face the ordeal before them or unconsciously contribute to their own undoing by perpetuating the regime of the oppressor."

I suggest that Perkins and other so-called Black conservatives heed these words (written in earnest), study their history, and above all, sit down and rethink—this time with feeling.

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Pendleton

I have been trying very hard lately to put Clarence Pendleton, chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, in a very clear perspective.

Ever since he has received his mandate from President Reagan and this country's right-wing sector, Pendleton has managed to make several controversial remarks concerning the Afro-American community and its need to pull itself by its bootstraps. His latest remarks, in which he accused Afro-American leadership of being racist because "they treat Blacks differently than whites because of their race" by supporting quotas, welfare, and affirmative action programs that promote fairness in employment, add even more fuel to the controversy he has created. Representative Parren J. Mitchell and others were so appalled by Pendleton's statements that they boycotted a commission hearing at which they were to testify.

In trying to understand Mr. Pendleton, I have tried to place him according to history; that is, what historical role does he fulfill? I have looked back towards Africa, to many of our people who willingly sold our brothers and sisters to the Europeans; I have looked at our so-called "house nigger," who too often felt more loyalty to the white master than to the slave community; I have traveled through the Booker T. Washington era, and have concluded that compared to Pendleton, Washington was a radical; and I have come to this point in time, having examined an entire host of Afro-Americans who have sold their souls, so to speak, to the "American way" (which is simply a synonym for the white, male, Protestant—racist—power structure). But my historical travels do not clarify Mr. Pendleton enough for me. So I must examine whom he works for.

President Reagan, with the support of the far right, has, since he came to power, assaulted the labor unions and has aligned with big business; he has restricted the freedom of the American people (remember the unleashing of the C.I.A.—domestically—back in 1981); he has made the poor and minorities scapegoats for America's problems; he has convinced Americans that the communists are right at our door and will take over at any time; he has propagandized the American people with emotional and belligerent rhetoric, which has been acceptable enough to grant him a second term; his right-wing supporters have sent out their people to terrorize Afro-Americans at the polls (remember Baltimore, 1984, when white men dressed in uniforms carrying chemical spray cans demanded

Manning Marable

Racism and censorship

With the possible exception of Clarence Pendleton, virtually every Black person in the United States has directly experienced racial discrimination. In its more overt forms, racism has meant Jim Crow restrictions, the inability to obtain jobs, education, and decent housing and the lack of political rights. More subtle are other manifestations of racism, such as the assignment of school texts which foster racial stereotypes. Both forms of racism have forced Afro-Americans to initiate strategies of resistance which, in turn, raise serious questions about the relationship between the rights of the oppressed vs. free speech and civil liberties.

Examine the controversy surrounding the nineteenth century novel by Mark Twain, "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." Most literary critics agree that the book is a classic in American literature, ranking with Ralph Ellison's "Invisible Man" and the works by Herman Melville, Ernest Hemingway, Alice Walker and other great writers. Mark Twain was a staunch opponent of white supremacy; nevertheless the book contains racial stereotypes and racist language. Thus for years, a number of civil rights coalitions have advocated the banning of "Huckleberry Finn" from public schools. In 1982 the chair of the human rights committee at a Fairfax, Virginia school termed the book "racist trash." Last year Waukegan, Illinois school administrators banned the book from a required reading list. And in February, 1985 one member of the Chicago School Board declared that the novel "ought to be burned." Dr. John H. Wallace, a noted educator, describes "Huckleberry Finn" as "the most grotesque example of ra-

cist trash ever written."

But other scholars have now established the fact that Mark Twain provided the funds of Warner T. McGuinn to attend Yale Law School in the 1880s. McGuinn went on to become an NAACP leader and a major contributor to desegregation campaigns in Baltimore. Twain's language in his novels and essays is racially slanted by contemporary standards, but it is simply incorrect to attribute to him a Reaganite contempt for Black people. "Huck Finn" tries to condemn white society for its own perpetuations of racial inequality. If Hitler's "Mein Kampf" is available in school libraries as a testament to racism and anti-Semitism, "Huck Finn" should be present as a flawed but noble effort by a white liberal who attempted to challenge the racism of his era.

A second, slightly different, controversy relates to the efforts of anti-apartheid activists who have urged the boycotting of artists, athletes and entertainers who have traveled to South Africa. Several months ago, the NAACP was pressured to drop two Black performers, Tina Turner and Danieille Hall, from their 17th annual "Image Awards" ceremony in Los Angeles, because they had toured South African resorts. The United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid has initiated a "cultural boycott" against any artists who have performed inside South Africa since 1981. Most of the entertainers on the U.N. list—including Ray Charles, Frank Sinatra, Cher, Goldie Hawn, Linda Ronstadt, and the Beach Boys—are millionaires who had no direct need to travel to Johannesburg and provide cultural legitimacy to a dictatorial

regime. But these artists now find themselves "blacklisted" from performing at any function sponsored by the United Nations.

Liberals such as Harvard Law professor Alan Dershowitz are outraged that artists who have profited from the racist regime should be censured in any way. The United Nations' action is a "civil liberties violation," Dershowitz complains in a recent essay: "Consider an artist who is against apartheid but who performs to a Black audience in Soweto . . . the artist shouldn't be punished for his or her political decision." First, such "logic" would scarcely be applied by Dershowitz and other white liberals about American artists who performed, let's say, in Nazi Germany in the 1930s. Second, virtually none of the artists on the U.N. boycott list have been active in the Free South Africa Movement. Most had no contact or solidarity with oppressed Africans inside the apartheid regime. They went to South Africa for the money, period. And in their lust for profits, they tacitly reinforced the cultural viability of the immoral state. U.S. consumers, Black and white, have a right to know whether the artists they support are in turn supporting fundamental, human rights issues. Artists who have profited directly from institutional racism abroad should not be overly harassed or subjected to personal attacks by anti-apartheid proponents. Yet we have a right to initiate "selective buying" campaigns, as we did against Jim Crow businesses in the 1960s; targeting those celebrities who contribute toward Black oppression.

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Ali Mohammad Ibrahim

The ills of 'westernization'

It is true that western civilization has had a great deal of influence on Middle Eastern countries. It is equally true that this influence has alienated the people of the Middle East from their Islamic roots. Western civilization, to the developing countries, means cultural colonialism, political subservience, and economic subjugation. Above all, acceptance of western civilization implies the indignity of degrading psychological dependency necessarily accompanied by a sense of inferiority.

A number of developing countries (Islamic and otherwise), recognizing these pitfalls, have begun to reject the negative features of western civilization. In this setting, Iran plays a major part. This phenomenon, which has 13 centuries of precedence, is Islam's revolutionary role in ending man's subjugation by man. Iran's Islamic Revolution was not only imbued with this spirit, but it also bestowed the dignity of the human and individual values of Islam on the thoughts and deeds of its followers.

Within the last six years however, it has been the unquestioned and unchallenged practice of most western

analysts and observers of the Islamic Revolution to distort and misjudge the realities inside the Islamic Republic. This distortion is particularly directed against the leadership of Iran's Islamic Republic, the intention being to create an image of an absolutist dictatorship that perpetuates human subjugation.

What happened in 1979 in Iran was unprecedented, at least in recent history, with unfamiliar dimensions that did not fit the more or less established patterns of political concepts. The image that the mass media has implanted in the minds of most Americans is that Iran's Islamic Republic is an "isolated republic," ruled by "the absolutist Ayatollah Khomeini."

Is this in fact the case? What the U.S. media do not mention is that in 1979—50 days after the victory of the revolution—96 percent of the people who were eligible to vote (more than 20 million people representing an absolute majority) cast their votes with 98 percent favoring the formation of an Islamic government to guide their country's destiny. This occasion, which the people of Iran will again remember this year on

March 26, is in fact unprecedented in the history of successful revolutions.

Does not a referendum of such a movement seem inconsistent in a country which was then, according to the U.S. media, in the grip of an "absolutist" religious government? This image of the revolution rings even more false when you recollect that there have been no less than three free parliamentary elections and two referendums within the six short years of a revolution which is facing up to the painful challenge of learning to live with independence.

It seems the American media cannot bring themselves to narrow the rift between our people by recognizing one characteristic they have in common—freedom of the individual. Perhaps we, as students who honor objectivity, can do better than they.

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A possible end to Middle East madness

The recently concluded accord between King Hussein of Jordan and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, which calls for joint action to bring about Middle East negotiations, has not been fully appreciated. It opens the possibility of a major transformation in the Middle East. Recognizing the importance of the pact, Egypt's president, Hosni Mubarak, has called on the United States to meet with a Jordanian/Palestinian delegation as a first step towards wider peace negotiations. This is a rare opportunity that the United States should seize with vigor and imagination.

To many in both the United States and Israel, the PLO has been viewed as an organization committed to the ultimate destruction of Israel. Certainly there was a point in time when this description was accurate.

David Sweet

The Nicaraguan nightmare

In the President's campaign to prepare Congress and the public for a vote to re-fund the Nicaraguan counter-revolutionary forces, he continues to refer to them as "freedom fighters," even "brothers," the modern counterparts of the founders of our Republic, men whose struggle merits the wholehearted support of every true American. Mr. Reagan is no student of either Central American or United States history.

As an American who spent the Alliance for Progress years working in rural community development programs in three Latin American countries and who has taught Latin American history most of the time since, I have been at pains to try and learn the truth about what is going on in Nicaragua. To that end, I have visited and travelled there on three occasions. Last summer I began work on a book about the experiences of Nicaraguan rural communities with the Somoza and Sandinista governments, and with the U.S.-

The Hussein-Arafat agreement makes it clear that the dominant wing of the PLO is today willing to live at peace with Israel, provided that a just solution to the national aspiration of the Palestinians can be found.

The recent accord commits the PLO and Jordan to the use of peaceful means to a Middle East settlement. It provides for joint action by the two parties and specifies a set of principles to govern peace negotiations.

The first principle of the accord is "land in exchange for peace as cited in UN [United Nations] resolutions, including the Security Council Resolutions." Land for peace is precisely the concept that underlies the Israeli-Egyptian peace agreement. Reference to UN resolutions that cite such an exchange allows the accord to be interpreted as acceptance of UN

Resolution 242 calling for withdrawal from territories occupied in 1967, termination of all claims of belligerency, and respect for the rights of all states to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries.

The second principle of the accord calls for self-determination for the Palestinian people within the context of a confederation of Jordan and Palestine. This is significant because, rather than calling for an independent Palestinian state, it endorses the idea of confederation with Jordan.

At the moment, there is intense debate over the meaning of each sentence in the accord. In addition, there is debate over whether or not PLO partnership in the accord constitutes fulfillment of the conditions laid down by the United States when it pledged not to recognize the PLO un-

til it accepts Resolution 242 and Israel's right to exist. These debates miss the main point. They are legalistic arguments over what is essentially a political act calling for a political response.

For the first time ever, Hussein and Arafat have come forward with a proposal for face-to-face negotiations with the Israelis in order to end the state of belligerency directed at Israel. They have both taken great personal risks in making this move, and Arafat has greatly deepened the divisions within the PLO by doing so.

Admittedly, the accord is open to multiple interpretations, and is not a forthright recognition of Israel. But we must understand what it represents. The 1947 United Nations Partition Plan, backed by the United States, offered the Palestinians a sep-

arate state that went beyond the West Bank, in the midst of which would have been Jerusalem, with the status of an international city. The Palestinians and the Arab nations turned that down because they felt it was unjust. For 19 years after the 1948 War, Jordan controlled the West Bank, and no Palestinian state was created. Then, in the 1967 war, Israel gained control over the West Bank. Today people who have spent their lives fighting against what they perceived as injustice are saying "allow us to negotiate a solution that gives us far less than what we once were offered and we will make peace."

Hussein and Arafat have acted with courage and realism in drafting their accord. In response, the United States does not now have to grant "recognition" to the PLO—what it has to do is

to take steps which will confirm that the road of negotiations holds some promise for the Palestinians. The United States should renew the call of the Reagan plan for a freeze on West Bank settlements, and it should meet with a joint Palestinian/Jordanian delegation that includes members of the PLO. In short, the United States should restate its commitment to the principle of self-determination for the Palestinians; and it should challenge Israel and the PLO to demonstrate their commitment to peace and justice.

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sponsored *contra* raiders. My research so far has included a review of all available U.S., Mexican and Nicaraguan press accounts of *contra* attacks on Nicaraguan communities since 1980, and gathering personal testimonies from a large number of Nicaraguans and visiting American religious persons and others who have witnessed these attacks.

Here is a sampling of the more than 300 individual acts of violence against Nicaraguan communities and citizens which I have been able to document so far:

*El Ural, Nueva Segovia. December 28, 1982. Felipe and Maria Eugenia Barreda, Catholic lay leaders and prime movers of the *Curisillo* de Cristian-dad movement in Esteli, are captured by the *contras* while volunteering their labor of the coffee harvest on a nearby state farm. They are taken to a nearby camp in Honduras, where witnesses say Maria Eugenia is raped and both are kept naked for several days, badly beaten and

given no food or water in an effort to persuade them to broadcast anti-Sandinista propaganda over the *contra* radio. They refuse, proclaiming to the last their faith in Jesus Christ and the Sandinista revolution, and are summarily executed with a handgun.

*Pantasma, Jinotega (population 1000). October 17, 1983. This is the center of a rich agricultural region where most farmers own their own land and are organized in European-style purchasing and marketing cooperatives, and where a few once landless farm laborers have recently been organized into *kibbutz*-like collectively-owned production cooperatives. Two-handed fifty *contras* attack at dawn on a day when most of the town's militia are off on patrol in search of them. They single out of the offices of the adult education program, the agricultural credit and extension programs, the grain storage facilities, the ministry of public works, the police station and the two new production cooperatives. The

town is defended house-to-house for thirteen hours by a few dozen teachers, truck and tractor drivers, office employees and other before government forces arrive to drive off the attackers; 47 people are killed, including all the male heads of families in one cooperative, several teachers (some of them women) and a Pentecostal pastor, who died defending the places where they work. Roughly a million dollars in damage is done to trucks, tractors and installations.

*Ocotal, Nueva Segovia (population 21,000). June 1, 1984. Some 500 *contras* attack at dawn with mortars, rockets and incendiary bombs. The attack is aimed primarily at a large lumber mill, the electric power station, a coffee drying and processing plant, the radio station and the grain storage facilities. Several hundreds of thousands of dollars damage is done. Fifteen lives are lost by the defenders, most of them civilians.

*Matiguaz, Matagalpa. July 21, 1984. Noel Rivera Morraz, a wealthy

coffee grower well known in the region for his willingness to work with the Sandinista government and his commitment to maintaining high levels of productivity, is kidnapped by the *contras* and later beaten and bayoneted to death—presumably to serve as a warning to other patriotic members of the private sector. He leaves a wife and five young children.

All of these attacks and the others I have documented were directed not against the Sandinista government and armed forces, but against ordinary country people and the service personnel who work alongside them in trying to use the government's land reform, public education and public health programs to raise the living standard of a people long sunk in chronic severe poverty. Other favored targets are the lay religious leaders who help keep a biblical Christian faith (whether Protestant or Catholic) alive among a population constantly threatened by the forces of the most powerful nation on earth.

The *contra* are not the counterparts of the heroes who defended our fragile Revolution at Valley Forge. They are a gang of Tories with their ex-slave and Indian collaborators who have been armed to the teeth and trained in the arts of sabotage and assassination in their northern places of refuge. They have then been sent back to wage a "covert" war against the real patriots, to carry out a program of terror, murder, rape, pillage and the destruction of crops and public property, by a recalcitrant King George who is determined to reverse the course of history at any cost. Americans faithful to the best traditions of our people will have no truck with such folks, beyond carrying out a humane program for their resettlement and reeducation in the United States.

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Leisure & Arts

Plenty of heat, but very little fire

By Garry G. Denny

Hilltop Staff Reporter

In the early 1970s, film audiences everywhere were enthralled with the adventures of a Black detective cleaning up crime-ridden streets. Well, where "Shaft" failed to reduce the Black image in the media, Berry Gordy's "The Last Dragon" has picked up the ball and run like crazy.

In the Motown/Tri-Star Pictures release, "The Last Dragon," the contrived union of adolescent fantasy and karate makes for a movie that is silly and strangely exciting. As the story develops, the main character, known locally as Bruce Leroy, has just completed his training in the martial arts. His master, who is just like every other stereotypical master, realizes that his pupil is ready to embark on higher learning after he catches a speeding arrow in mid-air.

During his adventures in the streets of Harlem, Leroy is met by challenges that are as implausible as they

are entertaining. First, we meet a gang of hoodlums who look like a cross between bikers and Shogun warriors. Their leader, an obnoxious character by the name of Sho'Nuff, has a goal in life of crushing Leroy and remaining "the kung fu master of Harlem."

Up next in this parade of fantastic happenings is the extremely fine Vanity. In her role as Laura Charles, she plays a video queen who is being victimized by a success-crazed video producer. Because Laura, the producer's latest prodigy, refuses to air his music video, she is continually assaulted and kidnapped.

But not to worry. It's Bruce Leroy to the rescue. Through the use of his advanced martial arts, Leroy manages to defeat any number of hoods, assassins and street vermin. Fortunately, for the viewers' sake, the fighting sequences are engaging and truly entertaining.

Alas, though, it is not enough to

completely save this production. In his execution of a tried and true movie formula, director Michael Schultz manages to illicit some pleasure, but fails to explain some very blatant mistakes in continuity. For example: Why would a young Black resident of Harlem speak in classic broken-Oriental tongue? Are the streets of Harlem really filled with criminal juveniles that dress as extras for the miniseries "Shogun"? Or, when martial arts masters clash in battle, can one really see multi-colored arcs of light stream from their hands and feet?

But enough of the silly stuff. Aside from some poorly executed concepts, weak acting on behalf of Vanity and Julius J. Curry III as Sho'Nuff, and a very disappointing sound track, which includes DeBarge, Stevie Wonder and Alfie, "The Last Dragon" is extremely entertaining and watchable. However, let's not confuse good quality with entertainment in this case.



Taimak as Bruce Leroy



Vanity as Laura Charles



Julius Carry, III as Sho'Nuff

TV32 to air Amiri Baraka documentary

Special to the Hilltop

The film "In Motion: Amiri Baraka," is the first major portrait of Amiri Baraka, considered not only one of America's greatest living Black playwrights and poets, but one of the most controversial figures on the political landscape.

Filmmaker St. Clair Bourne first encountered Inamu Amiri Baraka (Leroi Jones) in 1970 while making a

film about Kenneth Gibson's mayoral campaign in Newark, New Jersey. Baraka, the main architect behind the campaign, was a longtime spokesman for the Black Consciousness Movement in America. Ten years later, Bourne has made Baraka the subject of a provocative documentary exploring the two weeks of his life before he was tried and convicted for a suspicious charge of "resisting ar-

est."

Using his busy schedule as the narrative framework, the program starts with Baraka at home with his family preparing for a press conference about his arrest at the American Writers Congress. A series of narrative vignettes include Baraka teaching a college class, hosting a radio program, and performing four of his poems. Interviews with his parents; writing

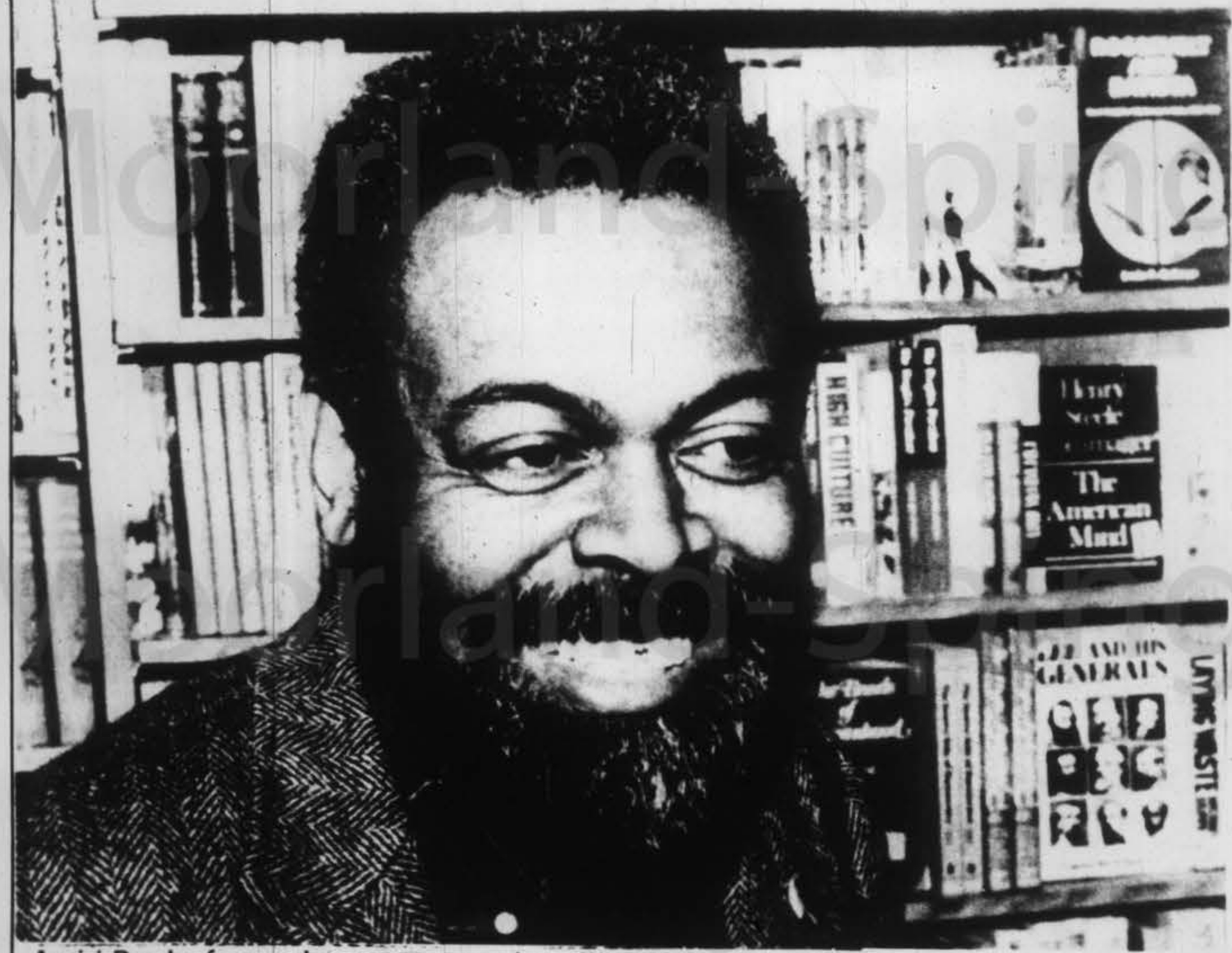
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colleagues Allen Ginsberg, Joel Oppenheimer and A.B. Spellman; and Harlem Black Arts activists Ted Wilson and Askia M. Touré are intercut with vignettes that provide a revealing and sometimes humorous portrait of the man.

"In Motion" was funded by Bourne's production company, the Chamba Organization, along with grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, the American Film Institute and the WXXI-TV lab.

Bourne, a producer/director, began his filmmaking career in 1968 at the American public television network. He was a staff producer for the first

national Black documentary series, "Black Journal" (during the year that program won the Emmy award). Also, Bourne has received the John Russworm Citation for "excellence in broadcast journalism." His past films have concentrated on changing cultural and political trends, a theme that he continues to explore in his work.



Amiri Baraka from a documentary to air on WHMM on April 23rd.

'Equus' at Aldridge



A scene from the Howard University Department of Drama's production of "Equus," which opened last night and runs two weekends. Pictured from left to right are Anthony Rojas, Wayne Yorke, Scott Smith, Norman Cooley, Timothy Murray, Mark Seabrooks and Keith Wright.



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The Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Beta Chapter, would like to express their deepest condolences to the Brothers of Xi Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., for the tragic loss of their Brother, Eric Green, who shall never be forgotten.

To my Special, It seems words can't describe the way I feel. But it must be known that you'll always live in spirit. May God rest your soul. —s-Xi-85 Ivory

Brother Eric, We remember the times you "cooled us out" and the times you kept us straight. More importantly we'll always remember you Brother Psycho. Your Sons, Spring line of '85 KAY.

The brothers of the Xi Chapter Kappa Alpha Psi would like to express the deepest condolences for their late brother in the Chapter Invisible, Eric Green 8-XI-84

Eric, Go with peace brother to the chapter invisible. Your Sands, No. 7. The force of Beta Theta. —Mark

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma Alpha Chapter would like to offer their condolences to the brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi on the loss of their brother Eric Green who will always be remembered.

To PSYCHO, I never said it, but I'm saying it now, I LOVE YOU MAN. Love forever in Phi Nu Pi, 11-XI-84 Velvet Jones

To the Brothers of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. We would like to send our condolences to the friends, family, and fraternity brothers of a fellow greek that has passed away over the weekend. It is not just a loss to the greek organization, but the loss of a black brother and a strong black mind.

Sincerely,
The Brothers of Alpha Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Congratulations to my sands, 9-A-85 and 13-A-85, on being elected to Phi Beta Kappa. "Seek not the depths of your knowledge with staff or sounding line. For self is a sea boundless and measureless." T.T.B.O.D. OO-OOP! I Love You! "The Songstress" 20-A-85

Congratulations to ur sorors, Lisa Pauls (9-A-85) and Julie Taylor (13-A-85), on achieving a most distinguished honor—Phi Beta Kappa. We are very proud of you! Our Love Always, Your sorors of Alpha Chapter Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc.

Happy Birthday! Missed your company and your kisses over the break. No more late night rhetoric. Glad to be back just to run into you. May be this weekend?
Your Honey Dipped Princess

Congratulations Jewel!
Welcome into the sisterhood. You are a beautiful daughter and soror. I love you!!
Mom
T.T.B.O.D.

TONIA J., WINE CHEESE AND CRACKERS—WHAT ELSE IS THERE...?
CONGRATULATIONS
LOVE N.R.G. #2

Vanessa #18,
My Windy City Homegirl,
Congratulations!!!
Love Ya, Toni

To a dear Frat brother
I'll miss you. I can't believe that you were snatched so soon from the friends, frat, and family that loved and cherished you.
Love, from you friends and family
Greg, 5-XI-85

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TO DEE DEE OF THE ORCHIDACEOUS 34.
BEST OF LUCK,
TONI

Long live Eric Green of the UNTOUCHABLE 21 now in the Chapter Invisible

Congratulations Avery Reggie Dwight Zack Springline 85 PHI BETA SIGMA Love C-sweets (Karen, Angie, Michele, Anna)

TO TYNISE EDWARDS, CONGRATULATIONS HOME-GIRL!!!!!!
LOVE DANNIELLE

Cheryl Scott of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Congratulations!!! May you find much happiness in Zeta.
Love Ya, Toni

CONGRATULATIONS ORCHIDACEOUS 34!!!
LOVE LISA, TONI, HEATHER, DANNIELLE, KELLI NETTA AND GLYNIS.

Dear Sands,
Take care sand man, for I'll not say goodbye, for that word is not known in Kappa Alpha Psi so I'll say so long, for we'll meet again, my brother, my sands, my dearest of friends. Now you've left Bloody XJ, but your spirit remains and the 20 that are left, will not do you shame. Your spirit won't die, and so shant you DREAM. So take my loved brother, so long Eric Green.
Phi Nu Pi
3-XI-84 (Nixon)
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The Political Science Society will meet on April 17, 1985 at 5:00 in room B-21 in Douglass Hall. The topic for discussion will be Nomination for next years officers. All interested in obtaining on office must attend.

Are you interested in journalism? If you are, feel free to attend The Society of Professional Journalists, Sigma Delta Chi's workshop in careers in journalism. It doesn't matter if you are journalism major, you have to have an interest in journalism. The workshop will be held in the School of Communications building Saturday April 13, at 10 a.m.

For all Health Professional Students: There will be a symposium, "The Impact on the Nation's Economy on Health." It will be held Saturday, April 13, 1985, from 9 am-1 pm at Georgetown Medical School, 3900 Reservoir Rd., N.W. Call 398-7068 if you want further information.

ATTENTION STUDENTS, FACULTY, RESEARCHERS
The fourth annual Romance Languages Faculty/Student Research Symposium will be held April 24 at the Forum - Blackburn Student Center from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. topics to be discussed include:

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- "The Effectiveness of Creole Languages in Literature"
- "Popular Intellectualism in Gerardo Maloney's *Juego Vivo*"
- "From Pariahs to Princes: Images of Blacks in 18th Century French Literature"

Faculty and students from all academic and professional disciplines are invited. For further information, contact Dr. Marc-A. Christophe at 636-6758.

ATTENTION: STUDENT NURSES
A general meeting of the National Student Nurses' Association will be held on Monday April 15, 1985 at 12:00 pm in room 242 (SN). New members welcome.

Spartacist League General Counsel Rachel Wolkenstein will speak on the strategy behind the League's successful challenge to the FBI's domestic security/terrorism guidelines at a public forum, "Marxist vs. FBI Repression," Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Undergraduate Library Lecture Room. For more information call: 636-3537.

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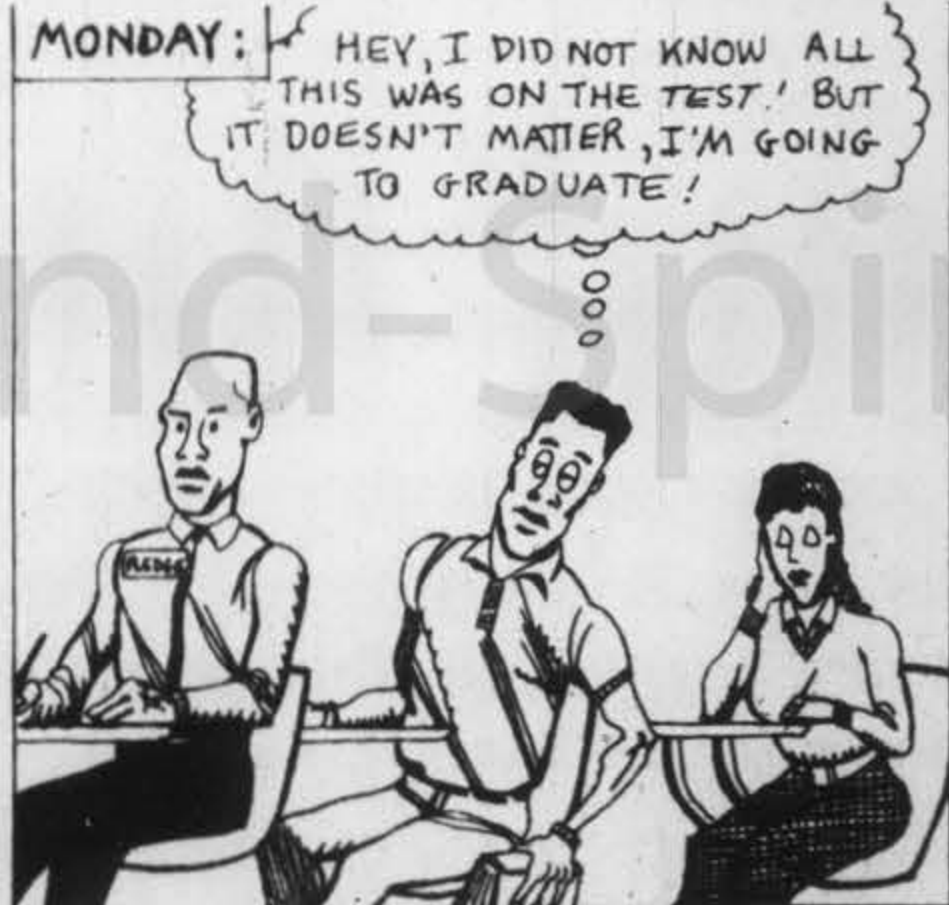
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Sports

Howard's 'unhittable' pitcher

By Jim Trotter
Hilltop Staff Reporter

When Tracy Proctor takes the mound, opposing batters know that he will not be throwing them much "junk."

The six foot-three, hard-throwing right-hander from Washington's McKinley Tech High School said he is "always willing to challenge a batter. I say to myself [when thinking about the opposing batter] 'here's my best; give me your best.'"

When Proctor throws his "best" he is literally unhittable. Just ask St. Augustine's baseball team. All he did was pitch a no-hitter against them last month, the first in his Howard career. He said he began to realize that he

had a no-hitter going in the fifth inning. "No one wanted to tell me I was pitching a no-hit game. In the sixth inning, I told one of the players, 'I got a no-hitter going so let's keep it going.' I took the position that if they are going to get a hit, they're going to get a hit."

Proctor considers himself a "thinking pitcher," in that he tries to "get you out any way possible." But he said his strengths are his "fastball and slider."

"Tracy is a power pitcher," said Coach Hinton. "He's awful tough when he's getting the ball down and in the strike zone. If he keeps it up, he'll have a future [in baseball]."

Proctor said he is not counting on a career in baseball. "After watching

past players get drafted, I noticed that there is only a slim chance of becoming a pro. So I'm really concentrating on getting my degree [in Therapeutic Recreation]."

The 21-year-old junior said he began playing baseball nine years ago at the #12 Boys Club. He accepted a baseball scholarship to Howard after a successful high school career, but found that the transition from high school to college was a "big one."

"In college baseball, there is more mental involvement [than in high school]," he said. "Also, it's more competitive."

Proctor said baseball gives him a "chance to release my hostilities and fears. Before the game I get nervous, but after the first pitch, my nervous-

ness is gone."

He said baseball "is something I like to do." But at the start of the season, Proctor couldn't have been too happy with the way the Bison were playing. The team won only four of its first 16 games, before winning eight of its last 11 games.

"We were making a lot of mental and physical errors at the wrong times," said Proctor of the poor start. "We were getting disgusted with the way we were playing and finally stopped arguing with each other and decided to play 'Bison Baseball.' We were hurting ourselves, but now we are playing together; we've come together as a team, and finally got team spirit."

Proctor said that at the beginning of

the season, the team was playing like the "Bad News Bears," but he considers the team a "medium Howard squad, a scratch team."

Proctor feels he has improved his pitching since coming to Howard. Hitting the strike zone with consistency is his main flaw, according to Coach Hinton. But even if Proctor puts people on base, he feels he has a "good pick-off move."

"We [pitchers] practice our pick-off moves regularly, and I have confidence in it," he added.

"We have the strongest team in the MEAC," said Proctor. And as long as he continues to pitch the way he and others feel he can, Howard will continue to be strong.

In the swing.

Bison seek title defense

By Jim Trotter
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Howard's baseball team appears to be gaining "momentum" just in time to defend its Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference championship, this week in Greensboro, N.C., according to baseball Head Coach Chuck Hinton.

The Bison opened the MEAC championship tournament Thursday against the winner of the North Carolina A&T - Morgan State game.

"The big thing we have going for us in this tournament is momentum," said Hinton. "We're beginning to play well."

After a 4-12 record to start the season, the Bison has won eight of their last 11 games to post a 12-15 record entering the tournament.

"We should win it [the championship], but sometimes the best [team] doesn't win. You have to play one game at a time," said Hinton.

"I'm pleased by the performance of the team. They're playing hard and hitting the ball really well; but our pitching stands out at this time," he said.

According to Hinton, the pitching has been the most "consistent" part of the team and is what makes this year's team "better" than last year's MEAC championship team.

"The game is pitching and you can only go as far as your pitching takes you," he said.

Hinton said the Bison are led by the pitching of Donald White, Tracy Proctor, Glenn Abraham, and Clyde Russell.

Hinton attributes the Bison's slow start to the team playing a lot of Southern teams that had already played 10 to 20 more games than his team had played.

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Netters suffer from academic strain

By Ray Ragland
Hilltop Staff Reporter

Losing one-third of a winning team is no joy for any coach, but it has taught team Coach Larry Strickland the meaning of revision and hard work.

Strickland said three of the four players were ineligible because of academics, something he feels is inexcusable. The other player opted to leave to fulfill graduation requirements.

The 1984-85 tennis season got off to its second half with the loss of four of its top six singles players, including freshman Floyd Henderson, who went undefeated for the fall season.

"I would rather see my players graduate than win a college tennis match," Strickland said. "The key is to be able to do both and with the right discipline, it can be done."

Strickland's theory is that discipline comes with hard work and he has been incorporating that into the minds of his players. With a large portion of last season's winning squad sidelined, Strickland has been putting extreme emphasis on hard work. This season's team has had to almost entirely rebuild, and Strickland concedes that it is not as good as last season's squad.

"This season's squad is not as good as last fall's, but with hard work we can be competitive," said Strickland.



By Brian Branch-Price-The Hilltop
Darryl Pope returns a volley to a George Mason University opponent.

That competitiveness has been put to the test in 11 out of 22 matches already and although the record stands at an unusually low 1-10, Strickland said he feels that level of competition has been high.

The Netters have dropped matches to Rutgers, 0-9; Navy, 0-9; number one ranked Hampton Institute, 1-8; Loyola, 3-6; and George Mason, 2-7. Veterans Darryl Pope and Asif Karim (the only two left from last season's squad) are filling the number one and number two singles slots. The remaining four singles are made up of four players including one woman, who until this season has never played for Howard.

Strickland knows coaching inexperienced players is bound to bring some losing results, but as he puts it, "we never walk on to court thinking we're going to lose."

As expected, the Netters' annual spring trip proved to be a tough contest (the team went 1-6 for the trip). Strickland saw it as a chance for his new players to get some experience under their belts. Playing teams like Armstrong State (0-9), Morehouse (1-8), Citadel (1-8), Furman (0-9),

and Saint Augustine (1-8) no doubt provided his players with some sound experience. All was not lost on the trip as Howard registered an impressive 9-0 victory over Bethune-Cookman College.

However, Pope and Karim have kept their winning styles intact. Pope registered wins over Loyola's Peter Giffith 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, and George Mason's Jordan Jackson 5-7, 6-1, 6-1, while Karim (the only player on the team with a winning record) stopped #1 Hampton's Datus Murray 6-2, 7-6, Loyola's Chris Hodge 6-4, 6-4 and George Mason's Dele Young 6-2, 7-5.

Strickland said his team will be back on the right track next season, but in the meantime, the Netters will have to worry about their next opponent—none other than the former Howard tennis team coach for 9 years, Eddie Davis, who will be bringing his George Washington squad to Howard. Davis led the Netters to eight winning seasons and four Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference titles while he coached at Howard.

He's quick on his feet...

By Cassandra Lanier
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One of the premier runners on Howard's track team is 21-year-old Anton Skerritt, a junior majoring in accounting.

Upon his arrival at Howard, Skerritt had visions of soccer balls dancing in his head, but now he also makes strides for the track team serving two masters instead of one. Skerritt plays midfield for Howard's soccer team and runs the 400- and 800-meters in track.

The Trinidad-born star is a great asset to the track team and the track program as a whole. Unlike many other collegiate runners, Skerritt has been running only since his senior year in high school. It was in Canada, where he now resides, that Skerritt started running for Campbell Collegiate High School.

After coming to Howard, Skerritt's interest in track grew, and in the spring of 1983 he entered the Howard track program as a walk-on and has been running for them ever since.

Skerritt has only praise for "the Howard experience" academically, socially and athletically. When asked why he chose Howard, Skerritt said, "I found Howard very challenging academically and that's the main reason I came here. Secondly, I thought I would enjoy going to a Black institution."

At this point in his running career, Skerritt said that he is performing at about 85 percent of his potential and indicated that his peak should come just in time for the Penn Relays in April.

Since he has been at Howard, Skerritt has improved his running so much that he made it to the quarterfinals of the 400-meters in the 1984 Olympics.

But the 4x4 relay team he was a member of was disqualified in the semifinals. Skerritt said he plans to run again in the 1988 Olympics if he remains healthy.

"Working with Coach Moultrie is hard work. We have our ups and downs, but the results and rewards justify going through it all."

Skerritt said he has room for personal improvement. In the NCAA Championships a week ago, he said he did not run a good race tactically although he finished fourth with a time of 1:02:42 in the 500-meters.

Skerritt is looking forward to the Penn Relays, which will be held April 24-27. By then, he hopes to be at 100 percent and if he isn't, he'll still have visions of soccer balls and track shoes dancing in his head. There's always next year.

Relays to test the best

Special to the Hilltop

The Howard University men's and women's track and field teams will be looking to improve their marks when they host the 11th Annual Howard Relays on Saturday, April 13 at 9 a.m. at Gallaudet College.

The women's team is coming off an impressive performance last weekend at the William & Mary Invitational.

The quartet of sophomore Teresa Allen, junior Brenda Bailey, and freshman Connie Hitchcock and Janice Kelly captured the 4x100-meter relay. The 4x400-meter relay team of Hitchcock, Dorothy Wilson, Kelly and Tisa Robinson finished second in their event.

The multi-talented duo of Bailey

and Allen also finished 1-2 in the long jump while Bailey captured the triple jump.

The men also turned in outstanding efforts. The foursome of Anton Skerritt, Victor Jordan, Neil Madison and Donald Battle took the 4x400-meter relay. The sprint medley relay team of Jerald Council, Richard Louis, Skerritt and Battle finished second to Villanova, while Ralph Gomes, Randolph Chadwick, Battle and Lonell Johnson placed second in the 4x800-meter relay.

"We look at the Howard Relays as a meet that fosters good competition," says Howard Coach William Moultrie. "It will be an opportunity for us to improve our marks. This is not dual meet where the emphasis is

on winning. We think it is becoming one of the top meets on the East Coast."

Following the Howard Relays, the men's and women's teams will prepare for the MEAC Outdoor Championships in Orangeburg, S.C., April 18-20.

The 4x400-meter relay figures to be one of the most exciting races in both the men's and women's college division. The men's section shapes up as a battle among Howard, Delaware State and St. Augustine. The latter two have already run 3:07 or better.

In all, there will be approximately 25 All-Americans competing in what is fast-becoming one of the finest meets on the East Coast.

CHEERLEADING QUESTIONNAIRE

The Cheerleaders of Howard University would like to know your response to our performance this year.

PLEASE CHECK THE ANSWER OF YOUR CHOICE

- Do you think that the Cheerleaders worked well with the crowd this year?
Yes ☐ No ☐
- Do you think that the Cheerleaders looked energetic when they performed?
Yes ☐ No ☐
- How would you rate the confidence of the Cheerleaders when they performed their cheers on a scale from 1 to 5?
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1 lowest 2 3 4 5 highest
- Did the Cheerleaders smile when they went out on the floor to perform?
Yes ☐ No ☐
- What about our cheering techniques?
PERFECT OK TERRIBLE
A. Use of arms ☐ ☐ ☐
B. Use of legs ☐ ☐ ☐
C. Head movements ☐ ☐ ☐
D. Timing ☐ ☐ ☐
E. Voice ☐ ☐ ☐
- What about our personalities?
GREAT OK LOUSY
A. Spirit ☐ ☐ ☐
B. Eye contact ☐ ☐ ☐
C. Poise ☐ ☐ ☐
- What about our jumps?
YES No
A. Are they high? ☐ ☐
B. Do they have form? ☐ ☐
C. Are they timed correctly? ☐ ☐
- How was our gymnastics ability?
Fabulous Average Horrible
☐ ☐ ☐
- What new or different things would you like to see the 1985-86 Howard Cheerleaders do?
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